

morning to the place where he was to preach, he was overtaken by a brother Clergyman on horseback, who complained that he could never get more than half-a-guinea for a discourse. "O, Sir," said Mr. Davies, "I preach for a crown." "Do you?" replied the stranger; "then you are a disgrace to the cloth." To this abrupt declaration Mr. Davies meekly replied, "Perhaps I shall be held in greater disgrace in your estimation, when I inform you, that I am now going nine miles to preach, and have but sevenpence in my pocket, to bear my expenses out and in; and do not expect the poor pittance remitted that I am now in possession of; but I look forward to that crown or glory which my Lord and Saviour will freely bestow upon me, when he makes an appearance before an assembled world."

This laborious Minister died in the Lord about the end of March, 1770, and was interred in his parish church, his spiritual children kneeling round his grave, and bedewing it with tears of unaffected sorrow.

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## SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL RESOLUTIONS.

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### 1. *The care of my heart.*

1. I will endeavour to keep the Sabbath holy. I will avoid conversation on worldly topics, and will not allow myself to think on any matter of common business, nor to read literary or professional books, on this holy day.

2. Special hindrances excepted, I will endeavour to maintain secret devotion steadily, at least twice a day.

3. I will recollect every day that I am mortal.

4. When any doubtful thing is to be done, I will ask myself, "How will it bear the eye of God's omniscience? how will it appear at the judgment?"

5. I will endeavour to repress all undue regard to the praise or censure of men, by recollecting that God is a witness of all that I *do* or *think*.

6. I will guard against *selfishness*, as the abominable thing which the Lord hates. When I detect myself in being especially pleased with a good action, because 't is done by *myself*, or done by another through *my* advice, I will condemn the littleness of such feelings as below the dignity of Christian principles. In all such cases, I will not speak of myself without some obvious reason: first, because it may cherish pride; and, secondly, because it may exhibit the appearance of pride to others.

7. I will consider myself as sacredly accountable to God for my improvement of the *influence* attached to my station; and will endeavour to distinguish betwixt the respect which is given to my *office*, and that which would in other circumstances be given to *myself*.